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This month's missionary focus:
Fiji Mission (August 2004)

Prayer targets:

- Comfort and strength for Pastor Waqa's family and congregation.
- Clarity, vision and favor for the new leadership.
- Open doors of power and favor for our team members in August.
- Financial blessings for those raising a support team for their Fiji Mission.

War Chest Offering April
$5,306.14
Star and Solomon Chis's furlough this summer

War Chest Offering May
$1,420.20
International Worship and Recording School (IWAR)

War Chest Offering for June will go towards our August Mission in Fiji.

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Mission With a Common Vision

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3

Over the last four months we have been expanding the concepts behind five of our values in mission. The third value comes from the above passage in Amos chapter three: **We Value a Common Vision.**

It is essential that those we work with and support in a mission possess a similar Kingdom vision. We define our vision in part by the following distinctives:

- **Pursuit of the manifest presence of God**
- **Passion to release the power of God in signs and wonders**
- **Recognition of five-fold ministry as described in Ephesians 4:11-13**
- **Manifestation of a Kingdom mindset**
- **Commitment to equipping and empowering people to fulfill their kingdom destiny and ministry on earth.**

The scripture speaks much about the power that is available to those who walk in agreement. Functioning with those who have similar goals and values increases the synergy and effectiveness of our mission.

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The mission values were first introduced inthe second issue of The Mission. They are 1) placing equal value on foreign and local mission, 2) prioritizing relationships, 3) sharing a common kingdom vision, 4) investing in strategic life exchange, and 5) sharing a commitment to mutual accountability. Next month we will continue the six part series on defining our mission values

A Twenty Year Dream Fulfilled... *A Tribute to Pastor Filimoni Kama Waqa*

I'll never forget the first time I met Pastor Waqa. His giant hand swallowed mine in a massive warm handshake. Standing next to Waqa was his nephew, Bill, and Regina and I both thought, "These are the biggest men we've ever seen." But it wasn't just Pastor Waqa's stature that was big, his passion and faith were gargantuan.

Pastor Waqa and his wife, Kini, became the senior pastors of the Lautoka Full Gospel Tabernacle in 1972. Purchasing land in 1984, Pastor Waqa envisioned a building that would seat 7,000 although at the time his congregation had 1,500 members. He began the work with $17,000 believing that it would be sufficient to complete the building. Each year they would add to the building and the finances as much as they could until members from Christian Life Center gave thousands of dollars and hundreds of man hours in the last few years to help finish Pastor Waqa's dream. Today, the building seats 7,000 and attendance is more than 8,000. Besides helping with the physical building of the church,

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I Want To Go!

"I want to go!" Have you ever said that after hearing testimonies from our mission teams? So what should you do first if you want to be part of a foreign mission team? Here are a few helpful first steps:

1. Get a passport. Regardless of where you may want to go outside of the United States you will need a passport. If you get it now and keep it on file it removes one more excuse that might keep you from going on a foreign mission later. It costs about $85 to get a passport which is good for ten years. The process is simple. You can find out more by visiting http://travel.state.gov/newfees.html on the web.

2. Begin saving money. The average international ministry trip will cost from $1,500 – 2,500 per person depending on the price of air travel, the nature and length of the mission. Start a special savings account now for your travel fund. A mission fund is a great place for overtime hours, yard sale profits, rebates, or extra blessing monies. You may be surprised how quickly small amounts will ad up when you save in advance. Also, saving for a mission takes some of the pressure off of urgent support

Kathy Blank & Joyce Milton on the Great Wall of China

raising so you can spend more time spiritually preparing for your trip.

3. Watch and pray . Pray about which trip God would have you participate in. When you have a specific direction do research on that nation or people group to acquaint yourself with the culture and to help you pray more effectively.

These are just a few tips to help get you started in preparing for an international mission. **For more training register for the International Mission School on June 25/26 & July 16/17.** %

From the Streets of San Francisco

This month we received another great report from Wayne LaCosse. Wayne heads up our San Francisco street outreach in conjunction with Bob Johnson and the Metro Church. Last Friday, Wayne invited a pre-Christian friend who had a big heart for hurting people to go to the streets with him. To Wayne's surprise the friend accepted the invitation.

Friday night the friend showed up with his two teenage daughters to do street ministry. Now because this family was pre-Christian Wayne was a little anxious when these friends were assigned to a team other than his. Wayne prayed as he watched the friends leave with their ministry team. After the event Wayne interviewed the friends and discovered that not only did the family have a great time but he and his daughters had also received Christ as Savior while ministering to others on the street. Keep praying for our teams that minister to the homeless, drug-addicts and prostitutes each Friday night on the streets of San Francisco. %

The Real India

Anjan Biswas in Calcutta

Many of you have been keeping up with the boundary battle in a village suburb of Calcutta, India. Anjan Biswas has been the victim of death threats from local Hindu mafia leaders over a wall built on the church property. Now, he is battling with the local government (known as Panchayat) for permission to rebuild the boundary wall.

Anjan reports. *"I am, in reality going from one official's house to the other just to get it. The second highest official OK'd the plan last week for the wall but the rest are just showing the power of their position and stalling. The bureaucracy in India is maddening!"*

Please continue to pray for favor with local leaders in government and religion, for safety and covering for Anjan and his workers and for the **courage** to do all that God is calling them to in this hour. %

Mission Calendar

San Francisco Outreach (City Ministries, Int'l)
Every Friday Night

Feeding the Hungry
Every Sunday

Prison Ministry
Every Tuesday Night

International Mission School
June 25/26 July 16/17

IWAR
this summer (TBA)

Romania
Star & Solomon arriving early June

Fiji
August

China
October

A Tribute to Pastor Filimoni Kama Waqa *continued*

The Fijian Choir

teams from CLC were able to train in healing and deliverance with over 30 blind people receiving their site. Debroah Crone had strategic ministry to government officials during a national hostage crisis. Dave brought a timely word of reconciliation between Fijians and East Indians that Pastor Waqa later used to make a standard in all the Assemblies of God in Fiji. August 1, a large team of youth and adults from CLC will return to Fiji for ministry. Though Pastor Waqa having gone to his reward will be greatly missed, the impact of his faith and passion can still be clearly felt and seen throughout the islands of the South Pacific. %